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**What is claim d is;**

1. An etching method for etching an etching target film formed on a substrate placed inside an airtight processing chamber by inducing a processing gas into said processing chamber, wherein;

said processing gas contains, at least,  $\text{CF}_4$  and  $\text{N}_2$ ; and

said etching target film is constituted of an upper organic film containing Si and a lower  $\text{SiO}_2$  film.

2. An etching method according to claim 1, wherein;

said organic film containing Si is constituted of  $\text{SiO}_2$  containing C and H.

3. An etching method according to claim 1, wherein;

the dielectric constant of said organic film containing Si is equal to or lower than 3.0.

4. An etching method according to claim 1, wherein;

said organic film containing Si is an organic polysiloxane film.

5. An etching method according to claim 1, wherein;

said processing gas further contains Ar.

6. An etching method according to claim 1, wherein;

the flow rate ratio of  $\text{CF}_4$  and  $\text{N}_2$  in said processing gas is essentially set within a range of  $1 \leq (\text{N}_2 \text{ flow rate} / \text{CF}_4 \text{ flow rate}) \leq 4$ .

7. An etching method for etching an etching target film formed on a substrate placed inside an airtight processing chamber by inducing a processing gas into said processing chamber, wherein;

said processing gas contains, at least,  $\text{C}_4\text{F}_8$  and  $\text{N}_2$ ; and

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said etching target film is constituted of an upper organic film containing Si and a lower SiN film.

8. An etching method according to claim 7, wherein;  
said organic film containing Si is constituted of SiO<sub>2</sub> containing C and H.
9. An etching method according to claim 7, wherein;  
the dielectric constant of said organic film containing Si is equal to or lower than 3.0.
10. An etching method according to claim 7, wherein;  
said organic film containing Si is an organic polysiloxane film.
11. An etching method according to claim 7, wherein;  
said processing gas further contains Ar.
12. An etching method according to claim 7, wherein;  
the flow rate ratio of C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>8</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> in said processing gas is essentially set within a range of  $10 \leq (N_2 \text{ flow rate} / C_4F_8 \text{ flow rate})$ .

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